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SaskCanola and PAMI celebrate 25 years of working together

HUMBOLDT, SK – SaskCanola and PAMI are celebrating 25 years of working together to improve yields and reduce losses for Saskatchewan producers. The two organizations started working together in the early nineties and research projects have included no-till seeding, mitigating losses when storing canola in bags and bins, harvesting via straight-cutting, chlorophyll reduction in canola, reducing seed damage from metering, air distribution seeding systems, and more.

“The canola research we conduct in this province informs farming practices across the prairies. For example, a newly initiated research project will look at converting a combine grain loss signal into a grain loss rate,” says Dave Gullacher, President and CEO, PAMI.

“This is particularly important for canola because average canola harvest losses represent 5.9 percent of yield loss across Western Canada,” says Janice Tranberg, Executive Director, SaskCanola.

According to a report issued by the Canola Council of Canada in March 2017, canola’s impact on the Saskatchewan economy has grown to \$12.2 billion annually. About 92,000 jobs and \$3.9 billion in wages can now be traced back to the canola grown, processed and handled in this province. Saskatchewan is the main canola-producing province and home to a significant amount of the country’s canola processing capacity and research.

“We focus research expenditures on fostering innovation, decreasing production risk, and increasing sustainability for producers,” says Tranberg. “PAMI helps us achieve this by offering a unique blend of practical and applied field-scale research, plus their team of experts do a top-notch job of communicating with producers.”

“We are incredibly proud of the canola research we have completed over the last 25 years with SaskCanola,” says Gullacher. “Our research has helped producers improve seeding, harvest and storage practices, which has resulted in higher yields for producers.”

SaskCanola is a producer led organization, established in 1991 and supported by some 26,000 levy-paying Saskatchewan canola producers. SaskCanola’s mandate is to grow producer prosperity by providing value to canola producers through research, advocacy, and market development.

PAMI is an engineering and agronomic organization that is a leader in applied research, development, prototyping and testing of machinery and processes. PAMI head office is in Humboldt, SK, with locations in Saskatoon, SK, and Portage La Prairie and Winnipeg, MB. Together with its associate, WESTEST, and research centres—Western Beef Development Centre and Applied Bioenergy Centre— PAMI tackles complex machinery issues from across Western Canada and around the globe.

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